MISCELLANEOUS

Propaganda and Demonstration work.

776. The district advisory staff visited during the year 2,861 villages in the State to conduct the necessary propaganda and demonstration in the correct method of planting trees, pruning and manuring and other cultural operations including plant pest control and afforded technical advice regarding selection of suitable land for starting new orchards and vegetable gardens.

Tree Planting Drive.

777. The total number of fruit, fuel yielding, manurial and other varieties of economic plants supplied during the year in connection with the celebration of "Vanamahotsava" was 3,25,402 valued at Rs. 85,678.

Nandi Hill Station.

778. The Nandi Hill Station continued to be popular as a health and pleasure resort due to a large influx of visitors throughout the year. Besides this, a large number of sightseers, pilgrims to the temple and students from various Colleges for Botanical study and Engineering survey visited the place The vegetarian and non-vegetarian hotels were maintained throughout the year. Arrangements were made for the prompt supply of daily needs. A dispensary, sub-post office and police out-post functioned from 15th March 1951 to July 1951.

Sri Krishnarajendra Hill Station.

779. The season was very conducive to the stay of the visitors on account of the temperate climate. As usual, the vegetarian and non-vegetarian hotels and oilman stores were maintained.

780. The department took part in the All-India Dasara Industrial and Agricultural Exhibition held at Mysore in October 1950 and displayed instructive and interesting exhibits connected with horticultural work and held demonstrations in fruit preservation.

(vii) Stores Purchase Committee.

781. The total value of all purchases arranged by the Stores Purchase Committee on behalf of the several departments of Government both from firms in India and abroad amounted to Rs. 1,86,74,778 (Rs. 1,22,45,741). The value of orders placed with firms in India was Rs. 1,31,81,398 (Rs. 86,31,943) and the value of orders placed in foreign countries was Rs. 54,93,380 (Rs. 36,13,798) during the year.

782. The prices of almost all materials continued to be high. The increase in the value of purchases was mostly due to violent fluctuations in prices of the materials.

783. Since the Mysore Railway was integrated with the Government of India Railways, the question of terminating of the services of Messrs. Rendel, Palmer and Tritton, Ltd., as Consulting and Inspecting Engineers for Mysore in London, which were no longer required, was under consideration.

784. Messrs. Rendel, Palmer and Tritton, Ltd., London, inspected the remaining portion of the orders placed long before the integration of the Mysore Railways with the Government of India Railways. The Trade Agent's Office in London continued to render assistance to the Stores Purchase Committee.

785. The total tonnage of consignments imported by the Clearing Agents during the year was 8,466 tons, and the total cost incurred was Rs. 27.61,697 including customs duty, landing charges, harbour dues, commission and other incidental charges for the transport of goods to their respective destinations. A sum of Rs. 2,30,892 was recovered from the Customs authorities, Madras and Bombay, as refund of excess customs duty, transit dues, etc., during the year and remitted to the Imperial Bank of India, Madras and Bombay, to the credit of the Mysore Government.

786. Eighty firms were newly registered and put on the approved list of the Stores Purchase Committee during the year.

787. The total expenditure on the Stores Purchase Committee, including the contribution of Rs. 4,000 paid towards the Trade Agent's Office in London, the charges paid to Messrs. Rendel, Palmer and Tritton, Ltd., London, and salaries, establishment and contingencies of the Office, amounted to Rs. 53,667, which works up to 0·28 per cent as against 0·40 per cent during the previous year.

(viii) Public Service Commission.

788. The number and percentage of appointments held by Brahmins and Backward Communities in the Gazetted and Non-Gazetted Services of the State during the year 1950-51 were as follows:—

Caste	Gazetted Service		Non-Gazetted Service	
	No.	Per cent	No.	Per cent
Brahmins	592	41·29	15,663	33·20
Backward Communities ...	845	58·71	31,483	66·80
Total ...	1,437	100·00	47,136	100·00